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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1108

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CHARGE TO SANTIAGO

1. REPORTED HERE THAT CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE GRANTED AGREEMENT TO CURRENT SWEDISH CONSUL GENERAL AT RIO DE JANEIRO CARL JOHAN GROTH TO POST AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF SWEDISH EMBASSY AT SANTIAGO.

2. THE NEW CHARGE IS 41 YEARS OLD AND AN ECONOMIC GRADUATE. HE JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1959 AND HAS SERVED IN MADRID, CANBERRA, AND CUBA. DURING HIS TENURE IN CUBA, 1969-1972, HE BECAME A PERSONAL FRIEND OF FIDEL CASTRO. IN SANTIAGO, HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ALSO FOR THE CUBAN EMBASSY, SINCE SWEDEN ACTS AS THE PROTECTING POWER. GROTH WAS ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS A REASON BEHIND HIS APPOINTMENT AND ANSWERED DIPLOMATICALLY: "MY FRIENDSHIP WITH CASTRO WAS ONLY A REFLECTION OF THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN SWEDEN AND CUBA." GROTH ALSO SAID THAT HE WILL CONTINUE THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY AMBASSADOR EDELSTAM. "HE ACTED ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND THIS I WILL ALSO DO," HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

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3. GROTH WILL LEAVE FOR SANTIAGO SHORTLY. IN THE

MEANTIME, FIRST SECRETARY MARTIN WILKENS WILL BE ACTING
CHARGE.
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